

ARTICLE XIV TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 14.01 SUCCESSION.

The Municipality of Georgetown under this Charter, is hereby declared to be the legal successor of the Village of Georgetown under Ohio law, and as such, it has title to all property, real and personal, owned by its predecessor, including all moneys on deposit and all taxes in process of collection together with all accounts receivable and rights of action. The Municipality is liable for all outstanding orders, contracts and debts of its predecessor and or any other obligations for which it may be held liable, as such successor, by any court of competent jurisdiction. All contracts entered into by the Municipality or for its benefit prior to January 1, 2021, shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 14.02 EFFECT OF CHARTER ON EXISTING LAWS AND RIGHTS.

The adoption of this Charter shall not affect any preexisting rights of the Municipality, nor any right or liability or pending suit or prosecution, either on behalf of or against the Municipality or any officer thereof, nor any franchise granted by the Municipality, nor pending proceedings for the authorization of public improvements or the levy of assessments therefore. Except as a contrary intent appears herein, all acts of the Council or the Mayor of the Municipality, including ordinances and resolutions in effect at the date this Charter becomes effective, shall continue in effect until lawfully amended or repealed.

No action or proceeding pending against the Municipality or an officer thereof shall be abated or affected by the adoption of this Charter, but all such actions or proceedings shall be prosecuted or defended under the laws in effect at the time of the filing thereof.

SECTION 14.03 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHARTER.

This Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the Village of Georgetown at the general election held on November 3, 2020, and if approved shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

SECTION 14.04 TRANSITION PROVISIONS.

For the purpose of providing an equitable transition for the provisions of this Charter, the following provisions shall be observed:

(A) The Mayor shall continue to serve the remainder of this term which ends December 31, 2023.

(B) To bring it about that the four-year terms of Council members will have three expiring on December 31, 2023 and three expiring on December 31, 2025; in the regular municipal election of November, 2021, the three persons receiving the most votes for Council shall be elected to four-year terms expiring on December 31, 2025 and the person receiving the fourth-largest number of votes for Council in the regular municipal election of November, 2021 shall be elected to a two-year term expiring on December 31, 2023.

SECTION 14.05 CONTINUATION OF PRESENT OFFICIALS.

Any board, committee, commission or agency in existence at the time this Charter takes effect and which is not abolished by this Charter, shall continue in existence until modified or terminated in accordance with the procedures in Section 10.01 in this Charter.

All persons employed at the time this Charter takes effect, shall continue in their office or position and in performance of their duties until provisions shall have been otherwise made in accordance with this Charter for the performance or discontinuance of the duties of any such office or position. When such provision shall have been made, the term of any officer shall expire and the office shall be abolished, and the tenure of the employee will end.

SECTION 14.06 CONTINUANCE OF PRESENT EMPLOYEES.

Every employee of the Municipal government on the effective date of this Charter shall continue in such employment and thereafter shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of this Charter.